

## **Grades 7-8** **Regional Findings for Selected Youth Risk Behaviors**

Source: 2001 Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey (OPI)

<b>Youth Risk Behavior (percent of students who...)</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>South Central</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Hi-Line</b>	<b>North Central</b>	<b>Northwest</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>Four Rivers</b>
Carried a weapon in the past 30 days	22.3	22.1	22.3	27.3	21.7	26.7	24.9	23.7	25.8
Carried a gun in the past 30 days	13.3	11.9	10.3	17.2	12.6	18.1	9.5	11.0	14.4
Carried a weapon on school property in the past 30 days	4.8	6.9	5.3	4.4	3.5	5.8	6.6	6.9	5.6
Did not go to school in the past 30 days because they felt unsafe	8.3	5.2	5.5	2.2	7.0	6.6	7.1	7.4	5.7
Were in a physical fight in the past 12 months	42.4	36.3	40.5	36.3	39.6	37.3	40.7	40.0	42.3
Ever smoked a cigarette (lifetime)	46.3	48.2	47.1	42.4	55.6	44.4	48.3	48.4	41.3
Smoked on 1 or more of the previous 30 days ("current" smokers)	15.4	17.2	16.9	9.6	22.3	13.2	18.5	16.3	12.9
Smoked on 20 or more of the previous 30 days ("frequent" smokers)	4.3	4.5	5.1	2.9	6.6	3.0	5.7	5.5	4.3
Used chew or smokeless tobacco on 1 or more of the previous 30 days ("current" smokeless tobacco use)	5.6	7.8	6.5	4.5	16.1	8.3	7.6	7.3	6.2
Ever consumed alcohol (lifetime)	55.2	61.6	63.6	69.9	61.6	59.4	58.6	68.8	64.1
Drank alcohol on 1 or more of the previous 30 days ("current" alcohol use)	27.8	29.8	30.5	29.1	35.1	24.1	28.4	33.1	30.9
Consumed 5 or more drinks at one occasion ("binge drink") in the past 30 days	16.0	15.7	17.8	13.0	22.3	14.1	20.1	20.3	17.6
Ever used marijuana (lifetime)	20.3	16.6	20.5	10.1	35.3	17.3	22.6	23.0	19.3
Used marijuana 1 or more times in the previous 30 days ("current" use)	12.7	9.8	12.2	3.4	21.4	9.2	16.0	12.9	11.4
Ever used inhalants (lifetime)	14.1	9.6	15.2	10.3	20.7	14.4	15.8	16.9	16.3
Used inhalants on 1 or more of the previous 30 days ("current" use)	5.4	5.3	5.5	3.4	6.5	7.1	7.9	8.6	8.6

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Ever used methamphetamines (lifetime)	4.7	4.2	5.7	1.7	6.8	4.3	8.0	5.7	6.3
Ever had sexual intercourse	14.0	16.7	19.1	12.9	25.1	16.3	22.6	21.9	19.5
Had sexual intercourse in the past 3 months (are currently sexually active)	8.4	8.0	9.7	6.1	13.4	7.3	10.2	11.3	9.6
Of those who ever had sex, the percent who are currently abstinent (no sexual intercourse in the past 3 months)	42.1	40.7	46.4	39.0	44.4	51.3	46.6	44.1	41.1
Among currently sexually active youth, the percent who used alcohol or drugs before their last sexual intercourse	36.0	32.1	35.7	40.0	35.3	36.5	38.3	38.0	41.0
Are attempting to lose weight	49.4	42.4	42.3	42.2	49.2	40.8	44.2	42.8	38.9
Participated in vigorous physical activity three or more days in the past week	72.4	75.4	75.0	67.5	72.0	74.6	67.5	75.2	73.7
Watch 3 or more hours of TV on an average school day	30.9	28.7	28.7	27.6	34.6	32.3	25.1	27.8	27.6